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## A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY AT WOOD'S HOLL, MASS.

THE undersigned wish to state to the public, and especially to those who have contributed to the support of the Marine

Biological Laboratory, the circumstances which have resulted in their separation from the management of the institution of which they were recently trustees.

1. The Laboratory was founded by the Woman's Education Association, in cooperation with the Boston Society of Natural History at Annisquam in 1881, and in 1888 it was completely reorganized and changed into a corporation under the laws of Massachusetts. Its affairs have been managed by a board of trustees, three of whom were members of the Woman's Education Association. All the members of the original board resided in or near Boston. A few years later the board was enlarged to take in representatives of universities in various States. The original board decided upon the location, scope and organization of the laboratory, bought the land at Wood's Holl, designed and erected the first building, selected and purchased the original equipment, and appointed Dr. Whitman director to administer the laboratory. The funds for the establishment of the institution came almost exclusively from Boston. During the following years additional land was bought, and five important additions to the buildings were made, for all of which the funds were secured through the exertions of the Boston trustees, with, however, a few lesser contributions from elsewhere. In 1896 another building was erected at a cost of \$3,500, and of this